

saying I don't know <sup>what</sup> I shall do I try to give  
myself up to the serious but I can't I cannot  
live so long and when I try to calm his mind  
I find I can make nothing come upon it dear  
sir If you could prescribe any method of treat-  
ment for such a case it would perhaps have  
some weight on him as coming from you he  
thinks he owes ~~has~~ had any change altho  
he has taken much satisfaction in its duties  
I have written this in haste and you may  
think I am as much beside myself as  
my son but I hope you will  
be in consideration of my situation  
I have but a moment to say that this  
goes by my son in law Mr Sawyer  
should you see him he will deliver it  
to you and perhaps you can send word  
by him or write a line as to the publishing  
but I wish you to write me as soon as you  
can conveniently I wish ~~to~~ I could have  
time to make some statement of our  
religious concerns but have not time  
your sincere friend Elijah Tilton



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Most dear and suspected Friend  
When I met you in Boston it was  
rather unexpected and perhaps you will  
think it strange that I have become so  
forgetful as not to remember the particular  
directions respecting those publications you  
then gave me but so it is I do not know  
but you might notice that my mind was  
occupied with many things, and most with  
the distressed state of mind that my son  
William was in but so it was that when  
I saw you that so many things rushed  
to my mind that I was hardly my  
self knowing that I had but a moment to  
see you. Having returned home I found  
my son more than ever distressed. ~~I~~  
I have had many fears that he would  
be completely deranged and I find him  
partly so now yet he thinks that his state  
of mind is all that ails him but from  
lack of sleep and worry must he has some  
fever and what remedy to prescribe I do not  
know you may imagine my feelings,  
If you can when I see him some time  
after time in to my bed room in the night